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Dear Chairman & Commissioners:

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As CEO for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria, a local affiliate of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, I am writing to express my support for the Comcast and Time Warner transaction. Our organization's primary mission is to enable all young people, especially those in at-risk circumstances, to realize their full potential and become responsible, productive, caring citizens. Our local chapter gives support, guidance and hope to over 1,500 youths from the ages of 6-18 years old in and around Peoria, Illinois.

The help and support Comcast has provided for Boys & girls Clubs around the nation, and locally within Peoria, have had a tremendously positive impact, and I know that Comcast is committed to providing bright futures and equal learning opportunities for all children through this proposed transaction. Comcast has been extremely involved in Peoria's Boys & girls Clubs. Since 2008, we've hosted four Comcast Cares Days, bringing the nation's largest single-day corporate volunteer event to our kids and facilities.

Further, Comcast has devoted itself to the cause of fostering digital literacy and bridging the digital divide. Not only has Comcast been extremely supportive of the Boys & Girls Clubs' national efforts in promoting digital literacy, but in Peoria specifically, we've been a partner to bring Comcast's Internet Essentials program to our low-income students. The Internet Essentials program – groundbreaking digital literacy initiative – has been a tremendous success, connecting over 1.4 million families to the Internet in the three years since it has been in existence. In Central Illinois, including Peoria, over 1,000 families have been connected to the Internet through Internet Essentials. And recently, the Comcast foundation provided our Boys & Girls Clubs a grant for a new computer lab, which will serve as an Internet Essentials Learning Zone, where people from our communities can come for free digital literacy training classes.

If the transaction is approved, Comcast will expand Internet Essentials to many more low-income families in current Time Warner Cable territories. The impact has the potential to be significant. I am also confident that the company will continue its partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs and expand it to our other local chapters in Time Warner Cable markets across the U.S.

I hope the FCC sees the potential benefits that this transaction offers and will allow it to become a reality.

Sincerely,

Lesley Matuszak
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